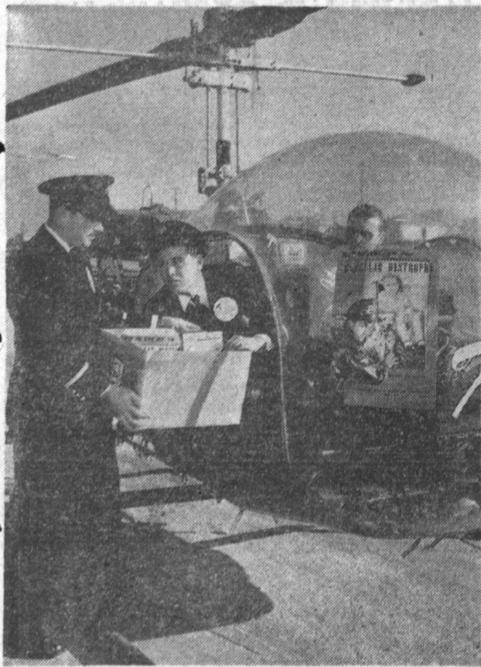


OPERATION 'LEAFLETS'



'BOMBS' AWAY: Torrance residents were bombarded Wednesday afternoon by thousands of leaflets calling attention to the Muscular Dystrophy fund-raising drive being sponsored locally by Torrance firemen. Helping to load the leaflets were Engineers Glenn Price, left, and Jerry Holloman, of the Torrance Fire Department.

Torrance Firemen Launch Muscular Dystrophy Drive

Torrance firemen are on the march to help stamp out Muscular Dystrophy, a fatal disease which strikes more than 200,000 Americans, most of them children.

Firemen expect to raise \$15,000 locally during the one-week drive which started Monday and which will last through Saturday, according to Glenn Price, drive chairman.

No cause has been found for the dread disease and money collected here will go toward research and clinical studies, Price stated.

House to House
Firefighters will go from house to house on their own time taking up collections. Slogan for the campaign is "A dollar a family to fight Muscular Dystrophy."

Residents are asked to hold (Continued on Page 9)

It's the Talk of The Town

What do people talk about at parties?

Apparently they talk about Torrance Press classified ads.

That, at least, is what we gather from Mrs. Alice Jeffway, 25604 Oak street, who recently visited her friend, Mrs. Joan Hovis.

First somebody wanted to borrow the car to see about an ad advertised in the Torrance Press classified section.

Shortly after, the doorbell rang and somebody inquired about a house for rent which had been advertised in the Press.

Minutes later one of the guests asked to use the phone to inquire about a dinette set which she had seen advertised in the Press classified section.

So when you go to a party prepared to talk about Torrance classified advertising. Here's the low-down, be in the know! Ads are inexpensive. They cost 90 cents. Call FA 8-2345 and let a friendly classified sales girl help you word your ad just right.

AT THE HELM



MAKING PLANS for the installation dinner to be held January 14 are the newly elected officers of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board. They are (l-r) W. E. Bowen, secretary-treasurer; Perry Connett, president, and James H. Decker, vice-president.

TORRANCE MAN MAKES 'HOT' URANIUM STRIKE

An amateur Torrance uranium prospector may have hit upon the strike of his life, examination of the surface ore indicated this week. The ore has been labeled as the "hottest" strike in the Tehachapi Mountains, location of the strike.

Walt Phillips, 38, who lives at 1569 W. 228th st. with his wife and three children, stated that the Ed. Eisenhower Assay co. of Los Angeles, a "highly reputable" assaying office, found the surface samples to contain .052 per cent uranium, about half the minimum

percentage accepted by the Atomic Energy Commission. There is a good chance that there are much stronger concentrations of uranium further down, Phillips stated.

He and a partner, owner of the land, discovered this cache and plan to blast out the rock in order to get the uranium. Phillips stated that the government pays \$3000 a ton for uranium with a minimum concentration of .10 per cent, and when the concentration is .20 per cent, the price jumps up to \$7000.

Phillips said that he and his partner might have to go down 200 feet until they find what they want. That's what was done at the recent Bakersfield strike which netted \$30,000.

Phillips has been prospecting for uranium for a little less than a year. Prior to this he has done a little gold prospecting.

The prospector and his partner are confident that the percentage will increase as they dig deeper into the hard rock, since uranium ore loses much of its radioactivity near the surface.

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More Land for Annexation in Rolling Hills

While members of the City Council still remained skeptical regarding the annexation of a large piece of land in the Rolling Hills area, they did listen with slightly more patience bordering on interest when informed that the developers would also throw in large commercial and manufacturing areas.

City Manager George Stevens informed members of the Council that the developers would consider the annexation not only of a 1200-acre residential area but also of 200 acres of commercial area, 200 acres of light manufacturing (M-1), and 300 acres of heavy manufacturing (M-3).

The original proposal, submitted to the Council by Edward Koenig of the Engineering Service corp., asked that the city annex about 400 acres near Crestline Blvd. south of Palos Verdes Drive North.

1800 Acres
City Manager George Stevens at that time declared that roughly 1000 acres might eventually be involved in the annexation move. Tuesday night's offer would amount to 1800 acres.

One definite condition of the agreement would be that Great Lakes be given the right to provide water service to the area, the developer stated.

City Manager Stevens has been asked to prepare some figures for the Council to see what the costs to the city would be for providing police and fire

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Hearings Start On Commercial Rezoning Of North Torrance

Hospital Campaign Posters



EVERYONE'S PITCHIN'! In... Torrance High art students are helping the Torrance Memorial Hospital fund-raising campaign by painting posters to be exhibited throughout the city. Winning posters were (l to r) Bruce Pierce, 1st place; Sharon Nelson, 2nd place (absent); Jim Kesterko, 3rd place; Nancy Carter and Roger Cocks, honorable mention. Presenting one of the prizes is Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. Instructor is Miss Charlene Clark (right). The posters also won in the city-wide judging.

"S-D DAY"

Accident-Free Day Planned For Dec. 15

One day without traffic accidents—that's the goal set by the President of the United States for this coming Wednesday, December 15, throughout the entire country, including Torrance.

Can it be done? That's the question traffic safety officials ask themselves as they approach "S-D Day."

Place and program of the January 14 installation dinner are still to be announced. The Torrance-Lomita Board sports a membership of 160. During the last year the board received the "Gold Star Award," a recognition granted by the National Association of Realtors. Only two such awards have been granted to California realty boards, it was disclosed.

Here are some of the things that should not happen that day:

A hit-and-run driver Saturday night struck two boy bicyclists from the rear, sending Larry Everett, 15, of 18327 Elgar to Harbor General Hospital with a fractured collarbone and possible head injuries after having been hurled 100 feet by the impact.

The accident occurred at 182nd street and Yukon avenue.

Another rider, Larry Mainwaring, 13, of 18416 Falda, was unhurt. Witnesses believe the car to have been an old green sedan, which police are now trying to locate, according to Officers Dan Hamilton and Joe Miles.

Self-Reliant Automobile
A car, owned by Joan Barbara Kightlinger, 19, 22503 Warmside, went on a joy-ride without its driver and crashed (Continued on Page 23)

Alondra Park to Get Signal

The dangerous Alondra Park intersection at Redondo Beach boulevard and Yukon avenue will finally get its traffic signals, but they will probably not be installed until shortly before summer.

This information was released this week by the Road Department of the County of Los Angeles.

An editorial in the Torrance Press last week, December 2, calling for action apparently helped expedite matters.

The county, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, had completed plans for the installation of traffic signals and had been waiting since September 23 for the city of Torrance to approve the plans.

Torrance City Council approval followed October 21, (Continued on Page 9)

Robbery Suspect Goofs, Caught 2 Hours Later

While the burglary business fared rather badly this week, the robbery business didn't do so well either. A robbery suspect only had two hours within which to glory over his triumphs in taking \$157 from a North Torrance construction worker before Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton made a swift arrest at the suspect's home.

Out on a writ of habeas corpus is Carnelius Young, 41, of Los Angeles.

Victim of the robbery was Percy Roberts of Los Angeles who was working on a construction job at 182nd street and Yukon Friday shortly after noon.

Roberts stated that three men approached him, one of whom

Hunt Dancer, Rapist of Young Girl

Kidnaped, drugged, and raped, a 12-year-old girl was found wandering along Pacific Coast Highway by police who are keeping her in protective custody for fear the abductor may make an attempt on her life.

Kidnaped, drugged, and raped, a 12-year-old girl was found by police during the early morning hours Tuesday wandering along Pacific Coast Highway at Pennsylvania avenue. Fearing that the abductor would make an attempt on her life, police are

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2 Burglars Return Checks Get Caught

Two young burglary suspects really botched up the works from beginning to end in a \$2888 burglary and found themselves reviewing their mistakes in Torrance jail two days after their ill-fated venture.

Held on suspicion of burglarizing the office of the Pacific Electric Railway company in Torrance, this week-end are Charles Lloyd-McCorchill, 18, of 1508 207th street, and Raymond M. Nelworth, 21, 604 Regent street, Inglewood, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett, who arrested the two men.

The source of all consequent mistakes was trying to cash themselves of some ready cash for the holidays by burglarizing (Continued on Page 3)

PLAN LARGE SHOPPING AREA HERE

North Torrance's potential commercial development will capture the limelight at two hearings before the Torrance Planning Commission called to consider the commercial rezoning of certain areas in North Torrance.

The first such public meeting will be held Wednesday, December 15, 7 p.m., while the second one has been set for January 5. Both meetings will be held in the council chamber of the City Hall, corner El Prado and Cravens according to George Powell, secretary to the Torrance Planning Commission.

Certain portions to be considered for rezoning lie within the areas bounded by Hawthorne Blvd., Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance city boundary on the east, and 190th st.

Some of the undeveloped areas within this area are being considered for commercial rezoning while others, along the eastern boundary, are being considered for light manufacturing use.

"All persons interested in the above matter are requested to be present at the hearings or to submit their written approval or disapproval to the Planning office, City Hall, Torrance," Powell declared.

Following the two Planning Commission hearings, the zone issue will have one other hearing before the city council which body will make the final decision in the matter.

Lomita Zone Hearing Set For Dec. 16

The Lomita zoning hearing with the Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, December 16 at 10 a.m. at the Hall of Records, 220 North Broadway in Los Angeles. Autos will pick up those interested at four departure places: Catholic Church, Wayside Chapel, the Trojan Realty office, and Kiwanis Hall. There will be free baby-sitting at the Wayside Chapel. For further information call DA 6-6351.

EDITORIAL A VILLIAN IS ON THE LOOSE

A dangerous villain, Idle Time, is making his appearance in Torrance as a result of high school half-day sessions, and authorities close to the juvenile scene are getting worried.

Because the experience of half-day sessions is still new, the villain has not had a chance to wreak havoc to the full extent of his powers but left unchecked, he may do untold harm here.

Many of the children on half-day sessions are looking for part-time work. Some need jobs to help out financially at home. Others just want to have something to do during their spare time. Some want to earn their own spending money.

BUT—there have been far more kids looking for work than there have been jobs available.

We would like to call for a concerted effort on the part of the whole community—merchants, industry, service clubs—to provide Jobs for Juniors.

We shall continue to outline plans for such a program in the coming weeks and we would like to call upon all interested individuals in this community to submit their suggestions for such a program.

We already have some of the machinery for such a program. Mrs. Herma Tillim of the Torrance Personnel Agency, 1628 Gramercy ave., has been offering her services on a strictly non-profit basis to obtain part-time jobs for juniors. Anyone having jobs available may contact her at FA 8-5368.

Were we to ignore the question of Idle Time now and let matters run their inevitable course, Torrance, like other communities in a similar predicament, would some day wake up to an acute "juvenile problem"—kids on a rampage because adults failed to help them channel their energies constructively and profitably.

We believe that full-scale community effort can turn the villain, Idle Time, into a hero for the greater benefit of all of Torrance.

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